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Library board rethinks decision

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Residents of Algonquin Highlands who ventured out on snowy roads to attend the county library meeting at the Frost Centre on Wednesday night were elated to hear that when it comes to libraries, one size does not fit all.

Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the library board, told the gathering of about 50 people that she would be taking their recommendations back to the board to craft a different plan for the municipalities of Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East, which were both slated to have library branches close by 2009.

"Maybe a one-size-fits-all plan isn't what we need. I'm willing to open the door to that," Murdoch said to applause.

The meeting was held to inform county residents about the rationale behind the "rationalization" of library services and to allow community members to present their opinions on the decision.

After years of thought and study on the county's eight libraries, the library board recommended to council that each municipality receive funding for only one branch each. It was the board's intention that if each municipality centralized library services, hours could be increased, space expanded and programming improved.

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The sound of smiling

Alyssa Stiver and Aurora Acorn have some fun feeling the beat with Bazza and April Gates at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Tuesday. The library was filled with Grade 2 and 3 children from Darlene Hill's class making music with drums, homemade shakers and their hands. More photos on page 8.

Minden arena becomes hockey haven

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Striking workers from the Canadian Union of Public Employees have made playoff games for the Lindsay Muskies impossible on home ice, so they've booked the Minden arena for their games instead.

"It's going to be there on the weekend and it looks likely we're going to play our playoffs up there too," said Muskies' general manager John Johnson on Monday.

On Saturday the team will be playing Quinte Pack at the Minden arena, warm-up starts at 7 p.m. and the game is at 7:30 p.m.

Although Johnson said it's unfortunate the Lindsay team won't be able to play at home, the Minden location will allow some of the players to be in their hometown for the games.

"Mitch Vasey plays up there and Aaron Keaney plays for us. They'll be going back home to play in their own town," he said.

It will cost \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children to get into the game Saturday. And as long as the CUPE strike lasts the Muskies will be playing in Minden.

Residents should also note that the "At the push of a button" char-

ity hockey tournament, originally scheduled to take place this Saturday and Sunday at the Minden arena, has been cancelled.

The tournament was to be a fundraiser for Community Care, but Community Care's Roxanne Casey said the group had to call off the event a few weeks ago.

Casey told the Times that CBC newscaster Tom Harrington is still interested in coming up to the area to help the organization, so the tournament will likely take place sometime next season.

"It's definitely something we'd like to do further down the road," she said.

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'We didn't have public meetings in advance, and for that I apologize,' said Murdoch

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County council agreed with this proposal and passed the recommendation in August of 2007. Under that motion, each municipality would have to choose a library to keep open with the improved hours and services by 2009.

In Minden Hills and Dysart et al, which each only have one library, plans are under way to expand library space to conform with provincial standards for rural libraries.

Minden Hills hopes to have a 5,000-square-foot library by fall of 2008.

The controversy began when a group of Dorset residents – with a similar group in Highlands East – questioned the decision of the board and particularly its decision-making process.

They argued that the library board and the county should have held public forums to allow residents to give input before any recommendations were voted on at the county level. Months of letter writing and lobbying ensued and council scheduled forums in Highlands East on Tuesday night and Algonquin Highlands on Wednesday night.

In 2002, the library commissioned the Southern Ontario Library Service to do a study on the libraries of the county. The report came back stating that Haliburton's libraries were in bad shape; they were understaffed, the buildings were falling apart, the book collection was too small and there wasn't enough space for programming.

Centralizing library services could remedy this, the board reasoned.

At the forum on Wednesday, Rob Walisser of Dorset, said that report, while very informative, was misused by

the board to justify closing the branches.

"Five years later, this document is now being used for justifying closing 75 per cent of our libraries," he said. "We haven't seen an action plan come from the county to deal with the issues."

"I've asked at our local council level, over the past five years what direction was given to deal with these issues [raised in the 2002 report] to move toward accessible washrooms, move toward accessible buildings, deal with some of the issue that have been highlighted and ... this report didn't see a lot of action over the past five years," he said.

Walisser encouraged everyone to read the report, often referred to as the Golden report after its author Hélène Golden.

"The overwhelming feedback the focus groups came back with five years ago is that people like this. People like their local branches, the great staff made up for [the libraries' faults]. The complaints were not about the branch size," he said.

Walisser also pointed out that without libraries and other services, population growth could not be expected in smaller towns in the county. He said that he and his wife chose to open a marina in Dorset because it is a community. If you take the library away, potential newcomers would be less likely to settle in the hamlet.

Jan McDonald followed Walisser's presentation with a summary of what had happened at the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation's library meeting on January 14 and what comments she had collected from participants there.

"The comments expressed at that meeting indicate strong support for the concept of library service in villages throughout the county. The majority of respondents to the opinion sheet also indicated their strong view that all communities need and deserve access to library services.

"There was considerable support for retaining and improving our Dorset library by enhancing the program-

ming, enhancing the resources and extending our hours of service ... there is good support for our librarians," she said.

"[The library rationalization] is based on the assumption that one solution to improve library service 'fits all' municipalities; that each area requires the same approach to library service. We strongly disagree with that assumption," McDonald said. "Algonquin Highlands has no schools. If you take the libraries, where does the learning happen?"

Eleanor Malcolmson, chair of Friends of the Library, spoke in favour of the library board's proposal to concentrate on one library per municipality and emphasized the superiority of other counties' libraries that she had seen when attending library meetings around Ontario.

"Friends of Haliburton County Public Library are in support of this request [to rationalize libraries]," she said.

"Haliburton County has eight tiny little libraries spread throughout the county. The facilities are generally inadequate and the buildings have leakage problems and are generally damp. ... Those books paid for by the taxpayers are sitting in branches only open nine to 12 hours a week," she said. "Friends of the Library are sympathetic to Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East to the possible closures ... however the advantage amalgamation will bring: better facilities, longer hours, larger collections, programming, quiet study space, outweigh the disadvantages."

Malcolmson's position was not popular in the room and the question and answer period revealed and most were there to oppose rationalization.

Murdoch told the gathering that she had heard their concerns and the library board would be changing course accordingly.

"So we're going to have to go back and maybe that's what we look at [keeping branches open]. I don't have a problem with that. Hindsight's a wonderful thing. We were at fault, we didn't have public meetings in advance, and for that I apologize," Murdoch said.

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SPINNING THEIR WHEELS

The cost of rural poverty

- Part 1 of 4 in a series by Jenn Watt -

THE RURAL POOR ARE, in many ways, invisible. That's the way the senate standing committee started its interim report, *Understanding Freefall*, about poverty in small-town Canada in December 2006.

Nowhere is that statement as accurate as in any municipality in Haliburton County, Minden Hills included.

While mega-cottages appear on pristine lakeside properties, there are people who can't even make rent payments on far less luxurious accommodations on Prince Street. While Haliburton is marketed to city dwellers as a perfect getaway for the family with unspoiled forests and free-roaming wildlife, people in this municipality wish there was more than unspoiled scenery to generate income in the harsh winter months. And while the high income earners debate over whether to buy a hybrid or a Landrover to meander the winding roads of this gorgeous county, others are begging neighbours for rides into town to pick up groceries since they don't have the money to buy a car.

On the streets of Toronto, the level of poverty present in Haliburton County would be illustrated by the homeless sleeping on steaming sewer grates or filing through a soup kitchen, but in Haliburton, those situations don't exist. It's not because the poverty isn't present, just that the situation isn't the same.

This is part one in a series of four articles on aspects of poverty in Minden Hills and Haliburton County. Although this area is one of great wealth with a steady stream of cottagers, retirees and their money, it is also one of great poverty. Unemployment is higher here, incomes are lower, education levels are lower, literacy is lower and the need for assistance is great. It's hard to see since the poor don't sleep on the side of Highway 35 – they sleep on friends' couches or at family members' homes – but the steady increase of food bank users, wel-

fare recipients and affordable housing applicants shows a different reality.

This series will address three pressing concerns that are interrelated and are compounded by other variables, namely transportation, housing and employment. The fourth article will highlight what other communities have done to remedy these problems and where we can go as a community to begin fixing what has been neglected.

Where we stand

Compared to the rest of Ontario, Haliburton County does not fare well. The often-mentioned statistic that only Manitoulin Island is poorer than Haliburton comes from 2001 Census data. "Haliburton County has the second lowest average earnings for full-time, full-year employed males and females in Ontario," according to a report on child poverty in Haliburton by the Early Intervention Network.

The average yearly earnings of all people in Haliburton County in 2001 was \$21,594, while in Ontario it was \$35,185.

A family of four in Haliburton County is living in poverty if they earn \$26,015 or less a year, according to the EIN report.

And even if Haliburton was in the middle of the pack in the province, that wouldn't be particularly good news. In Ontario 345,000 children live below the poverty line, the minimum wage is not high enough to match the cost of living, and social assistance in the form of housing subsidy and welfare rates has dropped since the 1990s only to make marginal steps back to where it once was.

According to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's most recent report, *Child Poverty: A Problem We Cannot Afford*, there are 4,000 families

with children living in poverty in the unit's region. "Accessing food is a concern for 15 per cent of local families with children under 17 years of age and under 1," the report states.

In Haliburton's Local Health Integration Network, encompassing communities as far away as Scarborough, this county has the highest population with less than a Grade 9 education (11 per cent), the highest population that has not completed high school (36 per cent) and the lowest population of residents who have completed postsecondary education (39 per cent).

Getting around

Rural living can be a peaceful existence: making a home far away from the chaos of the city, seeing the stars at night and knowing your neighbours. It can also be isolated and restrictive if you don't have access to a vehicle or any other reliable form of transit.

If you are poor in the country, your ability to access necessities of life becomes a much greater struggle than for those in similar economic situations in city centres.

If you live on Highway 118 and your workplace is in Miner's Bay, it would be nearly impossible to get there without a car. If you hitched a ride with coworkers, how would you get to the grocery store in your free time? Perhaps you want to upgrade your skills to find a better job closer to home. How will you get to the library to study? How will you get into town for school? Perhaps you decide to take a distance education course from a university or college, but you don't have broadband Internet access at home, even if you're lucky enough to have a computer.

The dilemma of mobility is a key factor in the interim Senate report on rural poverty.

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Council says no to store at Cultural Centre

by JENN WATT
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the January 31 Minden Hills council meeting.

Council turned down a request by the Cultural Centre advisory committee to buy the building at 80 Water Street to turn into a general store for the pioneer village. The committee wanted \$19,000 to acquire the building, but councillors felt that the building wasn't in line with the aesthetics of the current village at the Cultural Centre.

Open for Family Day

Municipal buildings will be open for Family Day on February 18. Although some staff will take the day off, those in managerial positions will be at work keeping the building open.

U-links moves to policing building

The Community Policing Building on Bobcaygeon Road has been offered to U-links for \$100 rent a month. The research group will also have to pay utilities and telephone costs. The rent money will be held in reserve for maintenance of the building. Previously, U-links had occupied part of Pritchard House.

A 'behind the scenes' look at *The Last of the Great White Pine*

Everyone is invited to the *The Last of the Great White Pine* movie premiere at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on February 8 at 7 p.m..

Admission is by donation.

Presented by Highlands Media Arts this is an opportunity to see the "behind the scenes" making of and the complete production of last summer's successful outdoor musical play based in 1884 held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

In a city, not having a car isn't a problem In the country it means near total isolation

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"While the rural poor look a lot like the urban poor ... they experience poverty very differently than their urban counterparts," the report reads.

"This difference most often boils down to problems around transportation: rural Canadians have to travel further to see a doctor, apply for welfare, access education, buy fresh vegetables, or even just participate in community life."

And while small towns were once the hubs of country life, with everything everyone needed in one place, car culture has caused a pancake effect on services, which are now spread across vast distances.

"With the automobile, patterns of movement are no longer limited to a single town: consequently, services and community facilities are scattered along a much larger landscape. ... you do not have the hospital, the school, the lawyer's office, the feed mill and the coffee shop all in one place anymore. School might be in one place for a younger child and high school will be somewhere else."

Not only is this a burden for those who don't have the money to afford gas to drive around the county, those who don't have a car don't have options.

Joanne Barnes, manager of the Minden Food Bank, believes the cost of driving is so great that it hinders job opportunities for those in the county.

"It's harder in a rural area because of the great distances you have to travel to get a job," she said.

"And you don't earn enough to get a vehicle to get another job."

The Minden Food Bank serves people in need of emergency food from as south as Kinmount, as north as Dorset and as east as Dysart. If someone needs to access the food bank, they've got to find a way to get the food. Barnes said that some users have made special arrangements to have friends pick up their food, but mostly, if they want food they have to arrange some sort of transport.

"I wish they'd come up with a bus from Dorset," she said.

The age gap

Fifty per cent of the county's population is over 50 years old. Twenty-four per cent is over 65. When it comes to mobility, not only are many seniors living in poverty without access to a car, many have disabilities that affect their ability to drive. Even when a senior person is living closer to town, getting in to pick up groceries can be a struggle.

Barbara Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank board, notes that there seems to be a generation-specific stigma to asking for help.

"They don't want their neighbours knowing they come in," she said.

"Seniors won't come in, which is pride, which is fine," Walford-Davis said. "The seniors are not that well off here."

According to Statistics Canada, 67 per cent of senior families lived primarily on government transfers like the Canadian Pension Plan and Old Age Security in 1999.

This amounts to about \$11,000 a year per person.

Ida Schultz, the Meals on Wheels coordinator for Community Care, says poverty in the senior population and amongst those on Ontario Disability benefits over 18 years old caused her to investigate subsidizing the meals her program distributes.

If a user of Meals on Wheels qualifies, he or she gets \$65 a month of food free. Each frozen meal costs \$4, so that is 16 free meals a month.

Still, Schultz said there are those in the senior population who won't admit they need food. There are some who don't have the money for food after paying for prescription drugs and are too proud to ask for the meal subsidy.

"Pride gets in the way," Schultz said. "We need doctors to advocate for [nutritious meals] too."

Meals on Wheels distributes food to 12 to 14 clients around the county, racking up about 325 kilometres each week. The volunteer driver will bring any number of meals to clients from Dorset to Minden to Cardiff.

Without someone driving food around the county, those 14 users would be forced to find friends to do the shopping, since most are single with no vehicle.

A rural transit system

There have been ideas floated around the county for a rural transit system. In the last provincial election, MPP Laurie Scott said that she would work toward getting a bus to loop around the county to help connect people to jobs and business. So far, nothing has amounted from that campaign promise.

At the Minden community forum on youth issues, having a bus that runs to Haliburton at night was identified as a need as well.

"Being poor in rural Canada means more than just not having enough. It also means having to travel long distances to get enough," the Senate report states. It notes that very little research has been done on rural poverty and even less has been done on rural transportation issues.

In March, the Ontario McGuinty Liberals invested \$830 million in urban transit systems, but nothing for rural transit. It gave \$400 million to rural areas for roads and bridges, but means nothing if you don't have a car to drive those roads.

The poverty in Haliburton County is intrinsically linked to its ruralism and the trends that go with that: an aging population, a service-based economy, and its low median income. It creates a cycle that is hard to break — the low population density means there isn't the population to support services and infrastructure, without those things there is little money to generate business, fewer jobs and so people move away to find work, lowering the population further.

In a city, not having a car is not usually a problem. The transit system is reliable and efficient. In the country it means near total isolation without access to work, food, health care, or community.

Next week the Times will continue its series on poverty with an article on the lack of affordable housing in Minden Hills.

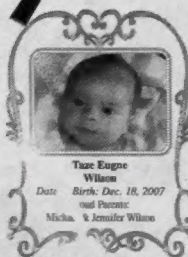
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More than just a game

Kids who learn chess do better in math and reading

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Mike Darlington's classroom Monday noon hour is a chaotic mix of Grade 2 and 3 students pushing chess pieces across curling checkered boards, squealing and shouting as their pawns make their way to the opponent's side.

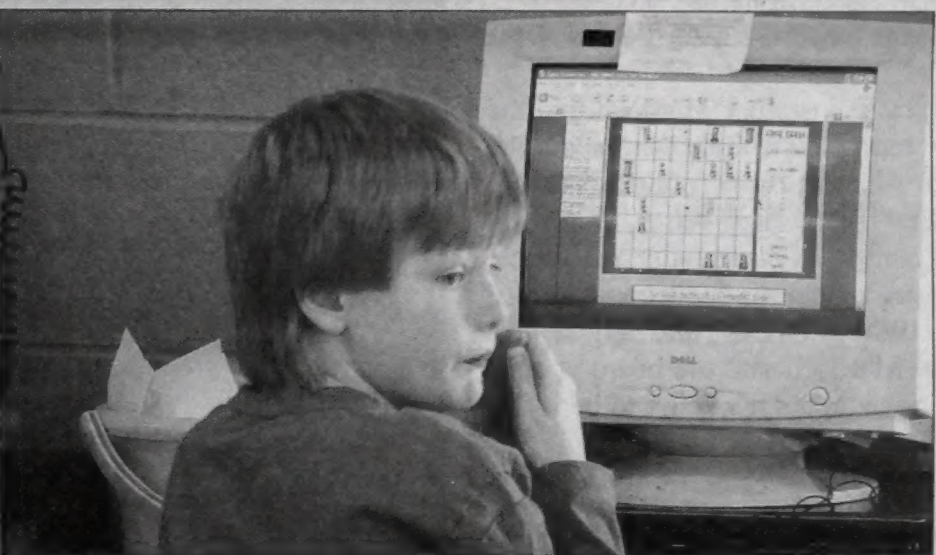
"Boo-yah!" says Grade 2 student, Andrew Redgave, as he takes a pawn from Adam Voisey in a game of pawn chess. The kids are learning the game in small steps, starting with just the pawns. Some still haven't quite figured out how the pawns move, while others are adapting the game to fit their needs as Darlington rushes around the room giving pointers and keeping everyone on track.

"My dad used to play [chess]. I like to do what my dad does," Andrew says. Some of the students in this room might move on to play against students from other schools in the Trillium Lakelands school board March 28 when teams from as far as Bracebridge, Huntsville and Lindsay will come to Haliburton to choose a team for the provincials.

Blake Paton, a teacher at J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, has been organizing the Trillium Lakelands tournament for about a decade and says that not only is chess fun for students, playing it helps improve students' other cognitive abilities. "Pretty well every study that's been done on chess and kids has shown that it improves their math ability and their reading ability, when compared to kids that don't get any structured instruction in chess," Paton said.

"It's not that well understood why. We have some pretty good clues and can make some conjectures as to why that's the case, but also there's a bit of a pressure to say that since they're having fun it can't be good for them," he said.

Numerous studies echo Paton's assertions that chess actually increases students' problem-solving abilities, along with reading comprehension, self-confidence and rational thinking.



Above: Students in the Grade 2/3 chess club practise the game beginning with pawn chess.

January dull, cold, and dark

Month had many windy days; average two degrees warmer than last year

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

A new year and a new month but not a new weather situation. Still dull and cloudy and lots of snow and rain. There were only two days with full sunshine, the rest were cloudy or foggy.

There were two January thaws and considerably windy days. The average temperature was -5.6°C , which is two degrees warmer than last January.

The precipitation for the last month was also almost double last January. But there is still two months of winter to go, no matter what the woodchuck says.

Average High: -1.5°C , 29.3°F
Average Low: -9.8°C , 14.3°F
Average for the Month: -5.6°C , 21.9°F
Average for last January: -7.5°C , 18.5°F
Highest Temperature, January 8: 9.5°C , 49.1°F
Lowest Temperature, January 3: -31.0°C , -23.8°F
Rain: 79.4 mm, 3.7 in.
Snow: 70.0 cm, 27 in.
Snow on ground January 31: 16 cm, 6.2 in.
Snow on Ground last January 31: 26 cm, 10.2 in.
Snowfall November 1 – January 31: 222 cm, 87 in.
Total Precipitation: 149.4 mm, 5.8 in.
Total Precipitation for last January: 82 mm, 3.2 in.
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Days with Freezing Rain: 2



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Perfect moment

THERE WAS A MOMENT last Wednesday night when it seemed that the world was running perfectly. Through red faces and jumbled words, politicians and citizens talked to one another in the auditorium of the Frost Centre. And they both *listened*.

There was frustration and exasperation and mistrust, but in the end there seemed to be a sense of relief and appreciation on both sides.

People of Algonquin Highlands had a chance to tell councillors face-to-face what they thought about reducing the municipality's libraries from two to one.

Councillors and library board members were able to explain to residents that the reason they wanted to remove a library branch was to concentrate resources in one place and make a more enjoyable, effective library.

The road conditions that night were horrible, but still 50 people made it out. The night before more than 100 people were at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce to do the very same thing.

After hearing everyone at both meetings, Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the library board, said that maybe the board had got it wrong.

Not only that, but Murdoch said the board would be willing to fix what was wrong.

That perfect moment Wednesday night came just after Murdoch told the crowd there wasn't a "one-size-fits-all" solution to the library problem. The crowd applauded and everything was in working order: politicians were responding to residents' concerns, residents appreciated being listened to, the population was well-informed about matters of community and people cared enough to brave the weather just to get together and talk about ideas.

The new plan for the libraries of Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands hasn't been developed yet, but Murdoch said the board is open to suggestions. It may take a while to formulate, but it's going to be inclusive of and responsive to the people.

A perfect moment.

Poverty series begins

This week the *Times* starts a series on poverty in Haliburton County with a focus on Minden Hills. There is a huge discrepancy between what image of ourselves we put out into the larger world through glossy tourist guides, fancy websites and clever slogans and the reality of the county. Yes, it is beautiful here, but it is also very poor. Many live on seasonal incomes not suitable to buy healthy food or rent adequate housing. Many are also isolated without a vehicle to take them to a job interview, to the grocery store or to the hospital.

Part of living rurally is to be innovative, and that's what people here have to do to survive, but sometimes that still isn't enough. The series will look at three facets of poverty – transportation, housing and employment.

Jenn Watt

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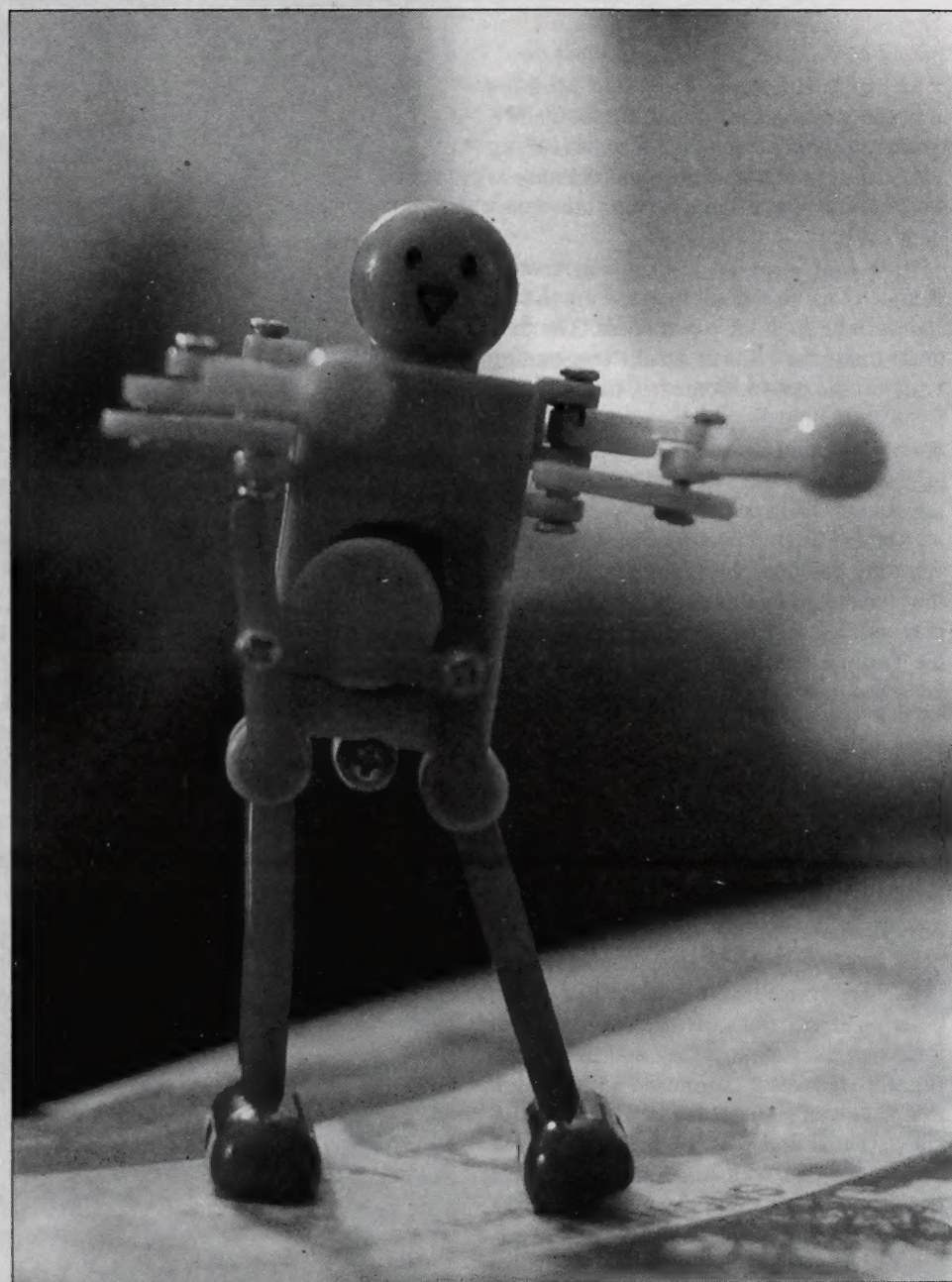
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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Let's see your happy dance!

Photo by Greg Hoekstra

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

We need more snow plows

Dear Editor:

I live at the end of Hutchings Road at the bottom of the big hill. I don't understand why the municipality doesn't plow this road twice a day, once in the morning and when the bus comes at night.

We would like to see the big plow down here to push the snow back. Those of us who have to work leave around 6 a.m. and we can't get up the hill so we lose money. What about the kids on the bus? Once a day just doesn't cut it.

And the blue barrels don't keep the snow out, and the barrels need sand in them to be of any help to us. We need

more than a peppershaker of sand on this road, especially on the hills.

The Lois Smith Family

P.S. Unless you are going on down to the houses on the cow's trail, which needs more sand on it too, you have to turn around in my mother's yard. It needs to be pushed back so we can all turn around and back out. This is the third time and after the first time we shouldn't need to ask.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The thrills never stop

THE OTHER DAY, the courier delivered a package that I'd been waiting for since late last week. In it was a new and relatively expensive scope for my refurbished deer rifle. My wife was absolutely thrilled.

Before you start sending her get-well-soon cards, let me explain.

She was thrilled because she had somehow come under the mistaken impression that this package contained several raw untreated skunk pelts for a "little project" I had dreamed up. Between you and me, I have found that this is the best and most economical method of thrilling a wife.

In fact, this last incident was a textbook example of why the terms "skunk pelt" and "little project" are so valuable to a hunter, fisherman, or run-of-the-mill outdoorsman. When I opened the box and pulled out expensive hunting optics, she was actually relieved.

I've often heard people say that everything on this earth has a purpose – and I agree. Skunk pelts were made for situa-

tions such as this. Otherwise – and believe me I've tried – you can't give them away.

Actually, this is, as far as I know, one of the only viable uses for the term "skunk pelt." And I think this both sad and noteworthy.

If not for my efforts, the term might have faded out of popular usage altogether, leaving our language that much the poorer. So, in a sense, me getting a new rifle-scope was also culturally beneficial to the preservation of the English language.

No need to thank me; it's what I do.

I don't know what it is about skunk pelts that inflicts so much horror into the average person but the sad and inexplicable truth is, they just do. And if that pelt is attached to a live skunk that problem is

compounded even further.

Oh sure, I've heard people go on about the smell, but that's only because they've never spent a week in deer camp. If they had, they'd actually welcome some of the smells that emanate from dead skunks.

And though the colour scheme is similar to the vehicles that our OPP drive, I don't think that's the problem either. I figure if you ever pulled over because a skunk was behind you, you probably need a breathalyzer.

Whatever the reason, I'm thankful for the role that skunk pelts play in

my life, because when all else fails, the threat of one can go a long way toward remedying the situation.

The only down side, if you can call it that, is that on occasion you need to back up the threat with action. Otherwise it

gets to be one of those cry wolf scenarios and people don't take you seriously.

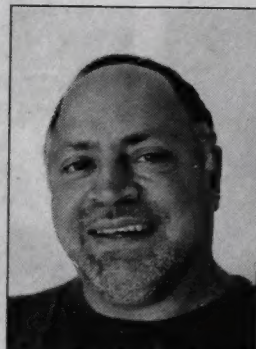
That's not to say that you actually need a skunk pelt in your possession, however. Even I'm not that crazy!

Instead, do the sane thing, and buy a bottle of skunk cover-scent from your local outdoors retailer. Then place a few drops on a rag in a shoe box. That, in my experience, is generally all that's required to complete the subterfuge. No one ever asks to look inside.

In any case, after this little tip, I expect that our local outdoors retailers will see a much-needed boost in their skunk cover-scent sales figures – which, I hope, might prompt them to put rifle slings, shooting sticks, and ammunition on sale.

Which is good, because, between you and me, I've got another little project with skunk pelts in mind....

*I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com.
Drop a note if the mood strikes.*



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

The terror from Alabama

THE CABIN ON Sapsucker Ridge is perfectly quiet on this still February night and then the banging begins again.

There is a crash and then a slam and then rapid-fire jolts of sound, a whole percussion section in my living-room, and then a roaring sound fills up my cabin in the woods.

The Brown Dog Jiggs, who has been sleeping flat out in perfect repose on his little rug near the television set, rouses himself and looks around at the uproar, puzzled.

"What the heck was that!" he says, except the word he uses is stronger than heck and doesn't begin with an H.

For a moment, I consider calling an exorcist except I can't find one in the Yellow Pages and besides my cabin is far too young to have ghosts.

Besides, it is only my wood stove bringing itself back to life with a stomach-full of maple, flatulent with the heat as its metal swells and twists in the inferno I have created.

The noise it makes is only a pale reminder of the ruckus my old Ashley

used to kick up, a ghost of wood heaters past, for this is the fourth of my stoves on Sapsucker Ridge.

The first of them was an antique of indeterminate origins that came with the ramshackle hovel that stood on my place when I bought it half a lifetime ago.

It heated only the immediate vicinity; when I bedded down for the night on the floor before it, I had to choose whether to warm my toes or my nose. The other end of me would shiver in the dark.

When I replaced the shack with a well-insulated one-room cabin, I

bought a stove from Alabama, the Ashley, to heat it. It was the stove from hell, the most frightening tool I have ever owned.

It came with a thermostat that only closed the draft when the fire went out. Fill it up with wood and it all but achieved liftoff, rocking and rolling with

the heat, turning cherry-red while I sat outside in a snowbank to get comfortable.

The Ashley forced a cabin expansion – one room for the stove and a combination kitchen-bedroom-living room for me. When I couldn't stand the heat, I got into the kitchen.

A stove from Bobcaygeon was my gift to the new cabin I built for myself 15 years ago. They stopped making Lakewoods just after I bought mine.

My Lakewood was a perfectly good stove. It just wore out, warped on the outside and broken down on the inside by time. And so I bought a new stove last fall, a Napoleon

from Barrie, and I don't understand how it works well enough to complain about it yet.

This balmy winter has been no real test for it and now I see it that I ought to give it up because it's killing people. The Heart and Stroke Foundation says wood

stoves and fireplaces contribute 28 per cent of the air pollution that kills 6,000 Canadians each year.

Most of us in the countryside depend on wood for at least some of our winter heat and so it turns out that rural Canada has one more sin to answer for.

So much for feeling good about heating with wood, about this one little attempt at sustainable living, about a tiny declaration of independence from the corporate world that engulfs us.

We can always change. Except oil heat is killing the planet and costs the larger part of the minimum wage that is the maximum for too many workers in rural Canada. Gas is only a little bit better.

Electric heat costs even more and comes up with an even larger price tag, digging up backyards in Wilberforce and damming more rivers.

Perhaps the only moral solution is to all do as Albertans once proposed a generation ago. Turn down the heat and freeze together in the dark.

neilcampbell@xplornet.com



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Have something to say?
Write a letter to the editor!
editor@mindentimes.ca

Dancing to the beat of their own drums



Darlene Hill's Grade 2/3 class made their own shakers out of clay and got a chance to test them out on Tuesday in the library.

Clockwise from top left: Dawson Allore feels the rhythm; Bazza gets everyone in sync; from left, all-girl band Jenna Hughes, Chelsea Smallwood and Jamie Little; Tory Francis and Nathan Newbatt test out their homemade shakers.

Photos by Jenn Watt

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Sunday, February 17 10am-5pm

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4 pm Family Movie Free

5pm-7pm Chili Competition

7:30 Adult Movie Starring Brad Pitt

Monday, February 18 10am-5pm

Kickoff Monday with a pancake breakfast and join us for a whole day of activities and contests including minnow races, biggest bubble-gum bubble contest, sleigh rides, broomball, fire starting and more.
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 9 Youth Saturday Art Clubs-see info on this page
Feb 14 Deadline for Winterfest Minden photo contest
Feb 14 Committee of the Whole - 9:00am, Council Chambers
Feb 16-18 Winterfest Minden—Minden Community Centre & S.G. Nesbitt Arena
Feb 28 Council - 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers

INTERIM TAX BILLS will be sent out at the end of February.
Interim taxes will be due in two instalments, March 20th, 2008 and May 16th, 2008.

The interim newsletter will be provided with your interim tax bill and WE WOULD KINDLY ASK that you please contact us if your 911 address is not included with your mailing address on the interim tax bill either by telephone, fax (705) 286-6005 or email admin@mindenhills.ca.

Smoke detectors are mandatory, one on each level of your home, and MUST be checked on a regular basis.

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Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent (705) 286-3144

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**On the 100th Birthday of Minden, Frederick H. Brooks
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16 teams curl in two-day tournament

by STEVEN ROLOSON
Special to the Times

On January 25 and 26 the Minden Curling Club hosted its annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel. This year's event attracted teams from Port Perry, Uxbridge, Haliburton and Minden Curling Clubs. Many of the 16 teams were repeat entries.

The two-day affair began on Friday night with two draws and concluded on Saturday with four draws and the finals. The event was capped off with a banquet and awards presentations.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Westside Jug City, Golden Stationers, Bill Kulas-Re/Max, and Coneybeare's Butcher Shop.



"A" division winners of the Westside Jug City Trophy from left to right: Patti Prentice (lead), Doug Brown (second), Karen Colliss (vice), Brice Fisher (skip).

Highland Storm in tough during weekend playdowns

The following are results from the Highland Storm playdowns Feb. 2-3.

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Orono

Orono 3 Storm 5

Midget - Feb. 2 vs.

North Frontenac

Storm 1 N.F. 2

Feb. 3

Storm 3 N.F. 4

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Campbellford

Storm 2 Camp. 3

Feb. 3

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Feb. 3

Storm 2 Camp. 6

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"B" division winners of the Golden Stationers Trophy from left to right: Gary Brown (second), Gillian Hajduczek (vice), Allie Ryu (lead), Bram Ryu (skip).



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"D" division winners of the Coneybeare's Butcher Shop Trophy from left to right: Lain Kay (second), Joyce Nilsson (lead), Janet Kidon (vice), and Ray Kidon (skip).

CARNARVON LANES

Tuesday afternoon, January 29

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 211
High Single: Robert McIvor 240
High Single w/hdcp: Nick Biljeting 273
High Triple: Robert McIvor 667
High Triple w/hdcp: Robert McIvor 757

Women

High Average: Lillian Mattsson 184
High Single: Lillian Mattsson 283
High Single w/hdcp: Lillian Mattsson 307
High Triple Lillian Mattsson 666
High Triple w/hdcp: Lillian Mattsson 768

Tuesday night, January 29

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 206
High Single: Doug Nash 301
High Single w/hdcp: Doug Nash 341
High Triple: Doug Nash 712
High Triple w/hdcp: Doug Nash 832

Women

High Average: Marlene Robinson 195
High Single: Brenda Harding 223
High Single w/hdcp: Brenda Harding 273
High Triple: Marlene Robinson 611
High Triple w/hdcp: Marlene Robinson 683

Wednesday afternoon, January 30

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 221
High Single: Ken Thompson 247
High Single w/hdcp: Bruce Lampman 273
High Triple: Ken Thompson 637
High Triple w/hdcp: Bruce Lampman 784

Women

High Average: Nonna Terro 166
High Single: Solveg Stout 207

High Single w/hdcp: Solveg Stout 265
High Triple: Judy Phipps 504
High Triple w/hdcp: Judy Phipps 702

Thursday afternoon, January 31

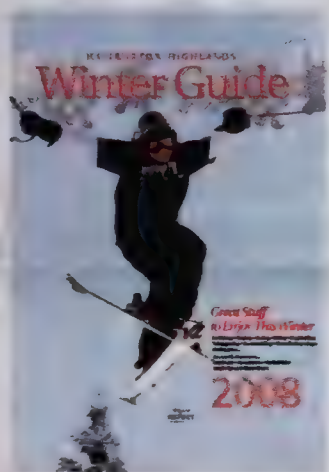
Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 220
High Single: Bruno Campagnolo 244
High Single w/hdcp: Bob Webb 306
High Triple Bruno Campagnolo 700
High Triple w/hdcp: Bruno Campagnolo 802

Women

High Average: Shirley Webb 176
High Single: Stella Mamonko 235
High Single w/hdcp: Stella Mamonko 301
High Triple: Stella Mamonko 558
High Triple w/hdcp: Stella Mamonko 756

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MINDEN LANES

Seniors Mixed 636 statistics, January 28

Men

High Average: John Ritchie 187
High Single: Ray McArthur 247
High Triple: John Ritchie 575
High Single w/hdcp: John Ritchie 294
High Triple w/hdcp: John Ritchie 716

Women

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High Single w/hdcp: Georgi Parks 244
High Triple w/hdcp: Barb Ballantyne 652

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Tenacious team triumphs over Tigers

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

Todd Simms helped the Red Hawks in a 6-3 win against the Lakefield Tigers at the Dysart et al arena on February 4 with three assists.

But it would be the Tigers to strike first after a point shot missed the net wide, the puck bounced off the end boards and a Tigers player was right on the doorstep to knock in the fortuitous rebound.

Immediately co-coach Gary Brohman pleaded for at least one of his defensemen to be in front of the net.

At the other end of the rink the Red Hawks were creating chances but the Tigers net minder was stopping all.

The score would reach 2-0 when a Tigers player sent an innocent looking backhand towards the net. Perhaps screened in front of the net, Haliburton goaltender Ian Sachs was unable to locate the puck, which sailed over his right shoulder into the net.

But the Red Hawks would overcome the adversity and despite the goals against were picking up momentum and scoring opportunities increased. One sensed a goal was imminent—but not before a flurry of penalties.

Lakefield took the first with 4:05 remaining, which the team was able to kill. Haliburton's Matt Eno was subsequently called for tripping with 1:59 remaining and shortly after, Lakefield was called for interference.

As the teams battled 4-on-4 the Red Hawks' Josh Townsend skated down the left with graceful speed. With a defense-



Lane Schmid displays his game face during the Red Hawks well-played victory.

ing the Tigers keeper on the short side bringing the game to a score of 2-1.

The Tigers would be penalized again before the conclusion of the period, this time for a holding, and Haliburton began the second period on a brief 5-on-3 and Haliburton's Jessie Tallman tied the game at two.

TSN turning point for the Red Hawks, though the team had already turned things around compared to first period. But the boys came out banging in the second—in hits and crashing the net.

The Red Hawks' Lane Schmid exemplified this as he went towards the net looking for a rebound. He found what he was

ground when he scored to give the Red Hawks a 3-2 lead.

More penalties would ensue during the second period when Tallman was viciously crosschecked into the Tigers net, but the referee must have seen or heard Tallman react as they gave him a matching penalty. The Tigers player, however, went a step further and for that he and his team earned an extra two minutes for chirping.

During the shorthanded stint the Tigers somehow managed to make their way down the ice on a 2-on-1, but instead of utilizing the situation to their advantage one of the players opt to try and lace one passed Sachs, which he easily stopped without a rebound.

The second period was quite open allowing the teams to trade chances. At the other end, the Red Hawks' Eno finagled, giving himself enough time to skate into the slot and fire a wrist shot passed the Tigers keeper and bring the game to 4-2 at the end of two periods.

The Tigers would add a goal minutes into the third cutting the deficit to 4-3, but the Red Hawks continued to press and eventually put it away. A pretty pass to an open Tyler Watson from Townsend made it 5-3 and Watson would add an empty net goal while Sachs closed the door on the Tigers last efforts to score.

When asked what won the Red Hawks the game, Brohman said, "Well I think tenacity and hard work."

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Bucks for books

The Minden Agricultural Society donated \$250 to every elementary school in the western part of the county, including Archie Stouffer, for agricultural programming. The money is from last year's county fair. From left, Maxine Snell, second vice-president of the MAS, Peter Ferri, vice-principal of ASES, Ron Tucker, president of the MAS and Sue Sisson, a director at MAS.

Photo by Jenn Watt



Fire destroys yet another household

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Another home was destroyed by fire this weekend in Minden. Minden and Dysart fire departments responded to a fire at 1377 Bethel Road at 2:46 in the afternoon on Saturday. Fourteen Minden firefighters and six from Dysart worked for three hours to put out the flames. "There was a lot of damage done to it. A lot of fire and smoke and water damage," said Minden fire chief Doug Schell. "The owner was there at the time. My understanding is that he was there by himself." The owner was able to escape the fire, which Schell believes began with the wood stove.

Minden man wins lotto

The Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation (OLG) issued a statement last week congratulating George Morris of Minden for winning a secondary prize amount of \$88,169 in the January 23 Lotto 6/49 draw.

The winning ticket was purchased at The Hub variety store, located at Highways 35 and 118 in Carnarvon, according to the OLG.

Banner festival deadline extended to Feb. 29

Last month we had a story about the Festival of Banners. People are asked to submit design proposals for the banners that will fly above Minden streets this summer.

The deadline for applications has been extended to February 29.

For details please contact Deborah Lyons at 286-1424.

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Association fee irks some businesses

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The Minden Community Business Association, the new incarnation of a Business Improvement Association, is nearly off the ground, but already has its dissenters.

The organization is set to charge businesses on Main Street (Bobcaygeon Road) and Highway 35 a mandatory membership fee to be used to promote business in Minden.

One member of the business community is not pleased with this decision.

Speaking under the condition on anonymity, the

landowner said he and some others in town were upset that the fee — probably about \$160 a year — will be mandatory and imposed without all business owners' consent.

Bill Obee, a Minden councillor and member of the MCBA, said that although the fee will be mandatory, the benefits business owners get from that amount are worth it.

"The whole idea is ... if they all combine and pool some resources they will promote the whole business district more successfully than each working individually," he said.

The money is to be used for promotion of businesses, beautification projects, potentially hiring a part-time coor-

dinators and to enhance Minden events to attract more tourists to the area.

Minden Hills council has already committed to matching the amount raised in fees by the local businesses.

No decision on amount has been made yet by the MCBA and Obee indicated that the next meeting will set the fee.

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Local health network seeks community volunteers

The Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is looking for two volunteers to join its community nominations committee.

These volunteers, with skills in a variety of areas including accounting, law, human resources or labour relations, will sit on the committee as non-directors, and will help recruit new candidates to serve on the Central East LHIN board.

"Local Health Integration Networks are governed by an appointed Board of Directors and bound by accountability agreements with the Ministry," said Novina Wong, board member and chair of the board's Community Nominations Committee. "It's important that we recruit new candidates who can continue on with the work of enhancing the public health care system so that it will better serve current and future generations."

Volunteers interested in joining the nominations committee must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be employees of the Central East LHIN, the Ministry of Health, or any organization that receives funding from the Central East LHIN or the Ministry.

An expression of interest form is available on the Central East LHIN website (www.centraleastlin.on.ca) behind the board recruitment button. The form must be completed and returned to the Central East LHIN office via fax, email or mail.

If people require additional information or have any questions, they can contact Sandi Kendal, corporate coordinator, at 1-866-804-5446 ext. 207.



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What an exciting year this has been for us! First there was the move to our new location – we are now located on the main floor level of the Haliburton Highlands Health Care Centre, on Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1), in Haliburton. For those of you who haven't been in to see us, we have an attractive, well-lit, spacious new home, with extra room for displays. So we have been able to increase our inventory of stylish frames and sunglasses to serve you better. And we are always rotating our stock, to keep the most current styles and colours available.

With the move to our new location, we also took the opportunity to update our look, and changed our name to better reflect our business's services. So Haliburton Optical (formerly located on the lower level of the Stedman's Plaza in Haliburton), officially became known as "Haliburton Vision Care Centre". What hasn't changed is our commitment to fast, friendly, professional service to our clients.

One of the most exciting new services we offer is the "Optikam," a touch-screen photo kiosk that allows patients to clearly see themselves comparing up to four frames side-by-side. What does this mean? If you've ever tried on new frames, you know how frustrating it can be to not be able to see yourself – because you're not wearing your glasses! You end up asking other store patrons for their opinions, or relying on that of the store's staff, or having to come back in later with a friend or spouse. But you still don't get to have a really good look at yourself in your new frames until your new glasses are ready to be picked up. Well, no longer! The Optikam allows you to try on your favourite frames, snap a quick photo of yourself, then view up to four photos at a time on a computer screen. Then you simply put on your old glasses – so you can see yourself in your choices, side-by-side. And all of this provided at a touch-screen kiosk that the customer can easily operate themselves! At the Vision Care Centre, we want you to be happy with your choice, so you can see clearly, while looking and feeling your best.

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A rolling snowball makes a great carnival



DORSET NEWS

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Don't forget the Dorset Book Club meets at the Dorset Library on Wednesday, February 6 at 1 p.m. to talk about Elizabeth Gilbert's "Eat, Pray, Love." All are welcome. For more information about this program or the Dorset Library call the library at (705) 766-9969 any Tuesday or Thursday between 6 and 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Organizers for the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival will be hosting a meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, February 6 starting at 7 p.m. to "fill in the gaps." If you would like to be involved or need community hours, here's your chance to sign up for an exciting and fun time. All are welcome! For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at (705) 766-9968.

The Annual Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance is

scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 9 starting at 10 a.m., trail and lake conditions permitting. Pre-registration takes place on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. All events start and finish at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road.

Space is limited and an OFSC trail permit is required. One day (for February 9 only), three day, seven day and seasonal permits will be available to purchase on site. The cost is \$30 per hand (19+) and includes a chance at over \$10,000 in prizes, a continental breakfast, dinner and dance. First prize is \$2,000. Seventy-five dollars worth of pledges gives you a free ride and the top five pledges win cash prizes. Proceeds from the event go towards Kidney Dialysis, Lions Camp Dorset. For more information about the Poker Rally, contact Barb at 766-2108 or Donna at 766-9253 or check out the Tall Pines website at www.tallpines.org.

Snowball takes place on Friday February 15 (Family Skating Party from 6 to 8 p.m. and Adult Broomball at 8 p.m.) and Saturday, February 16 starting at 8:30 a.m. with too many events to mention. Watch for your Snowball schedule of events coming to your mailbox soon or check out www.dorsetsnowball.com.

Our local MNR Stewardship Coordinator, Mike Walsh, will be hosting a Maple Syrup Operations and Opportunities workshop at the Dorset Recreation Centre

on Monday, February 18 starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a pancake and sausage lunch (with maple syrup of course), speakers, hand outs, a field trip to the Emes Family Sugar Bush, coffee and snacks.

To register, please contact Mike Walsh (MNR Bracebridge) at (705) 646-5530 or Nicole Tuyten (MNR Minden) at (705) 286-5206.

Birthday wishes for the week of February 3 to 9 go out to Mitchell Webb, Mark Kearhey, Anja Hendrikson, Libby Timbers, Julie Mealus and happy anniversary to Marian and Bruce Frieday and Darlene and Yvon Chatelain. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at (705) 766-0076.

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Don't forget the Valentine's dance this Saturday, February 9 at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 starting at 8 p.m. Admission is by donation of a non-perishable food item to the food bank. This promises to be a fun-filled evening with music from the '40s to the present plus spot dances, a trivia contest and a light lunch.

Coming up at the Legion will be the Big Bucks Bid Euchre, regularly scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 11 a.m.

At the Kinmount & District Health Centre Dr. Elena Mihu's beautiful quilted articles, prizes in the upcoming draw for the Arthritis Society's Joints in Motion program, are on display. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for three and available in Kinmount at the Health Centre, the Kinmount Pharmacy and Gateway Variety with the draw to be held at 5 p.m. on March 6 at the Health Centre.

On Tuesday mornings I listen to Canoe FM while finishing the column. My favourite spot is the "Story Lady" with a monthly chance to win a stuffed animal from Teddy Time in Haliburton. Faithfully I phone in my entry every week and won the January prize. Maybe my luck will hold for the quilt draw.

This week has been tough with Bruce and I both "under the weather" sporting heavy colds and coughs. On returning home from the health centre yesterday our spirits were lifted with the welcome arrival of the garden tools catalogue from Lee Valley, complete with its colourful cover of summer plantings already in full bloom.

In keeping with the garden theme there was also a leaflet from the Canadian Wildlife Federation titled "Protect Our Pollinators" with several practical suggestions. While bees are the primary agent, pollinators include flies, moths, butterflies, ants, some beetles, hummingbirds and certain bats.

Habitat loss due to expanding urbanization remains a major threat and our gardens can be a valued resource. Flowers should be grown in sunny, sheltered areas with varieties chosen for their nectar and pollen. Blooming times should be staggered from early spring through fall in keeping with the active cycles of the different pollinators. More information is posted on www.wildaboutgardening.org under the "what's new" section.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. All of the groups listed below welcome new players and if you wish a contact number please give me a call.

January 29 bid euchre at Minden Legion: For the ladies Pearl Cowen was first at 312 then Pat Roussel 286 and Margaret Bull 277. Marcel Roussel led the gents at 341 with Pat Scadden next at 272 and Len Kroes 253 third. Moonshots went to Elva Paisley, Margaret Fletcher and Bev Johnson while Pat Roussel, Tom Grix, Margaret Fletcher and Marcy Morgan won the draws.

January 29 euchre at Gelert: Gala Newell reports that Joyce Schellenberg and Rick McElwain were the high score holders while Rita Crofts and Isabelle Saunders had the lows. Theresa Deak won for lone hands and Don Hicks took the draw.

January 29 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams over the afternoon one by Harold Cox and Muriel McIntosh the second by Bruce Armstrong and Jack Cox. Topping the high scores was our reporter Ross Fletcher at 7150 followed by Muriel McIntosh 5160, Harold Cox 5020 and Liv Andersen 4240. Helen Rice won the lucky draw, Norma Crewson the Shiny Penny and for Ross Fletcher it was the "BKTTB" award reminding everyone to "Be Kind To The Boss."

January 30 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on Kevin Maloney, Marj Coffey, Dorene Elstone and Helen Windsor. Leading the pinks was Trudy Kroes at 283 then Gala Stamp 278 and Marj Coffey 275 while Tom Macartney was high for the white cards at 253 then Dick Coffey 242 and Len Kroes 240.

January 30 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Harold Cox and Bruce Armstrong were first at 60 per cent with Joan Galley and Norma Crewson second at 55 per cent then Stella McMillan and Ross Davies at 53 per cent.

January 31 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Margaret Fletcher and Leroy Mowat with Pat Roussel and Lois Adamson recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Lorna Hicks and Jim Bradbury with Tom Grix, Bob Pollard, Sharron Atkinson and Leroy Mowat winning the other prizes.

February 1 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf took top honours at 59 per cent with Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher next at 56 per cent.

February 1 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Kevin Maloney won for high hands, Verna McDonald for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Gala Stamp for the special prize.

February 2 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: For the pinks Jean Scadden was high at 260 followed by Edith Burch 235 and Pat Roussel 228. Keeping it in the family Pat Scadden led the white cards at 279 then Dorothy McElwain 230 and Tom Grix 227.

February 4 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top scoring trio in order were Dana

Briscoe, Marion Leslie and Dorothy McElwain with Emily Harvie winning the draw prize. Sharron Atkinson, Dana Briscoe (2) and Marion Leslie took the moonshots.

February 4 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Karen Chapman and Jesse Barlow while Lorna Hicks and Valerie recorded the high scores. Joyce Ritchie had the afternoon's low plus a draw prize along with Syd Adamson.

February 4 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports a good turnout on hand to see Don Jemmett win for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Martha Harding for low hands and Bev Johnson for the special prize.

February 4 euchre at Club 35: It was a lucky evening for the Mark family with Norm taking most lone hands, Daniel men's low and Glen the bologna. High scores went to Jean Dutka and Tom Pearson while Colleen Davison was low lady.

February 4 cribbage at Minden Legion: The high scoring quartet members in order were Verna McDonald, Don Hicks, Lorna Hicks and Eileen Shapiera. Eileen also took a draw prize along with Tom Grix (2) and Karen Chapman.

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- **Feb 8:** The Last of the Great White Pine Movie Premier - at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery February 8 at 7pm. Admission by donation. Presented by Highlands Media Arts this is an opportunity to see the 'behind the scenes' making of and the complete production of last summer's successful outdoor musical play based in 1884 held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.
- **Feb 9:** Youth Saturday Art Club - starts February 9 and continues March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14 from 9am to 2pm. Pre-registration required one week before each workshop by calling the gallery. A combination of art history and art creation this is an opportunity for youths to learn more about art and further develop their skills. \$30 per youth per workshop. Supplies included. Agnes Jamieson Gallery 286-3763
- **Feb 9:** Poker Rally & St. Valentine's Dance - Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp, Kawagama Lake Rd., Dorset. Sat. Feb. 9, 2008 at 10 am. (Lake cond. permitting). Pre-Reg.: Friday 6-9 pm, Sat. Registration 9 am - 12 pm. Permits available on site. Over \$10,000 in prizes! \$30 per hand (19+), Continental breakfast 9 a.m., Dinner 6 pm, Snack bar & refresh. Call Barb 705-766-2108; Donna 705-766-9253; www.tallpines.org
- **Feb 9:** Coboconk Legion Valentine Dance Feb. 9th starting at 7:00 p.m. Music by "Sam" & refreshments
- **Feb 10:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm, Sponsored by Northern Lights
- **Feb 10:** Minden Ice Racing - in partnership with the Minden Kinsman Club. Don't miss this exciting event at the Minden Fairgrounds every weekend until March (weather permitting)...for more information please visit HYPERLINK "http://www.casc.on.ca/www.casc.on.ca"
- **Feb 13:** Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting Wed. February 13, Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. (Please enter by the rear door.) Doors open at 6pm for business and chat, speaker at 7pm - HHGG Member Sharon Middlehurst on "The History of Quilts". Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.
- **Feb 13:** Car Seat Safety Clinic, Wed. February 13, 10 am to 1 pm, Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment (Highway 35) in Minden. No appointments required. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details.
- **Feb 14:** Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Thursday, February 14, 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (inside Sears Building) in Minden. Visit with a Family Health Nurse from the Health Unit to see how your baby is growing and developing. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
- **Feb 15:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm, Sponsored by Minden Kin Club
- **Feb 16:** There will be a "Pampered Chef" Fundraiser at the Coboconk Train Station Sat. Feb. 16/08 at 2:00 p.m. See some great cooking tools and enjoy FREE refreshments! 20% of all sales go towards the ongoing restoration of the Coboconk Train Station. For further information, contact Barb Curry at 454-1878.
- **Feb 16-18:** WINTERFEST MINDEN - Minden Community Centre and Fairgrounds. February's finest family fun! Lots of activities for all ages
- **Feb 17:** Attention Restaurants in Minden Hills: 1st ANNUAL CHILI COMPETITION at Winterfest Minden Sunday Feb 17, 5pm-7pm. Our local eateries are serving up their favourite Chili Recipe. Warm up by sampling Minden Hill's Best Chili. Proceeds go to the Minden Sesquicentennial Fund raising. To enter your restaurant call Rick Cox 286-1260 Ext. 220
- **Feb 27:** "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th 12:30-1:30. Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served! This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware)
- **Mar 11:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm, Sponsored by Subway Development
- **Mar 12:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm, Sponsor is Modern Electric
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- **Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register..
- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County - A new picture every day at HYPERLINK "http://jackbush.my-expressions.com/http://jackbush.my-expressions.com"
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Adult Shiny Hockey - Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm, S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Full Equipment must be worn, 18 years of age and older. A great opportunity to participate in a game of 'pick-up' hockey. Get a group together from work to create your own league. Cost of participation \$5.00 per person. For further information call 286-1936.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Every Monday, Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Climbing Club - Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 - 8 pm, children and parents climb together; Youth & Adults 8 pm - 9 pm. Fee: \$2. per person. Sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Call Donna at 457-5345, ext. 314 or email: donna@pointintime.ca
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games? Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of accessing help without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events in the Highlands.

Do good, feel good

About two weeks ago, the Redner house burnt to the ground leaving the family devastated with this unexpected loss. You can only imagine seeing years of memories go up in flames. You can never, ever replace the photo albums or your favourite things. Life sometimes just puts us to a test. Carolyn, Jason and Mike are having this test and we can help them get through this.

There has been a trust account at the TD Canada Trust Bank in Minden set up for the Redner family. The account number is 30426262884. If you can spare a little, it will be appreciated a lot. See what you can do, please.

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At 8 p.m. you can show up for the dance. Tom Williamson has volunteered to be the DJ for the evening and I don't know about you, but I am ready for a good dance, to shake out these stiff bones. There will be a silent auction with many wonderful things to bid on.

The community ladies will be putting out a spread and if that wasn't enough for the evening there will be other fun things to do.

You probably have some questions to ask so just give us a call. If you can't make it and just want to donate something, this is

your chance.

Call John Tidey at 286-3593 or myself 489-1397.

Bring a

friend, meet a friend, be a friend... be there!

No plans for Valentine's Day? Shame, shame. You're off the hook because the Zion United Church has it covered with a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings on February 13. Reserved seating for one sitting only, which starts at 6 p.m.

We have eaten at one of their functions and I can honestly tell you - it's good.

Call Beryl Rutledge to reserve your spot at 489-1577.

Now it comes back to me and how I am real happy - I have a new e-mail address. Highspeed is a wonderful thing and I am happy to tell you that my new address is pinereflections@sympatico.ca. Real happy!

And no, this is not a sign that winter is getting to me.

Have a great week!

Work stoppage in Kawartha Lakes affects local nutrition programs

Two Health Unit programs offered in Haliburton County will be affected during a municipal work stoppage in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Unionized workers with the City of Kawartha Lakes began a work stoppage yesterday (February 4). As a result, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is announcing changes to the following programs:

The Basic Shelf Cooking Program currently being offered in Haliburton County is postponed.

The Good Food Box Program provided to residents of Haliburton County is also on hold until further notice.

Without the assistance of staff with the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Health Unit notes that these programs cannot be offered in their present form. The changes to the Basic Shelf Program and Good Food Box will remain in effect for the duration of the municipal work stoppage.

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Deaths

FERREN, George Ambrose "Amby" - Passed away suddenly in St. Petersburg, Florida on Monday, January 28, 2008. At the age of 83

Predeceased by his beloved wife Patricia (nee Arkwright) (February 5, 2002). Loving partner and friend of Eileen Sienko. Dear father of Allan and Donna Ferren, Debbie and Floyd Wilson, David and Teresa Ferren, Stephen and Mara Ferren and predeceased by his daughter Rosanne McPherson. Loving Poppa of Wayne, Christopher, Jennifer (Darryl), Kyle, Kody, Maria, Wyatt, great poppa of Tristan, Bryson, Jayden, predeceased by granddaughter Teri Lynn and grandson Michael. Greatly missed by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Monday, February 4, 2008 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Then to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kinmount for the Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 11:00 am. Spring Interment at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Terry Fox Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

KRAMER, Heinz Fritz Hermann Emil - January 29, 1936 - January 30, 2008).

Passed away suddenly at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Beloved soul mate to Beverley Estelle Moore. Dear father of Rob and Werner, step-father to Allison and Kimberly. Loving Poppa to Kelly, Haley, Casey, Jacob, Lincoln, Jenna, Kyle, Alyssa, and Sebastien. Beloved brother of Hilde Kabst and her husband Klaus, and uncle to Dagmar and her family.

It was Heinz's wish to be cremated and a Memorial Service will arranged at the time of the Interment.

Memorial Donations to SIRCH or to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family and be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

TYLER, Beulah - Born in Orillia, Graduated from the Hospital for Sick Children in 1947, came to Haliburton as a Red Cross Outpost Nurse, renowned for her pie making and bread rolls, worked in the family appliance business for many years.

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Thursday, January 31, 2008. At the age of 85.

Beloved wife of Charles Tyler. Dear mother of Randolph (Jocelyn) of Halifax, Helen (Terry) Walkiss of North Gower, Reginald (Cindy) of Brampton, Lillian (Jim) Rowe of Switzerland, William (Linda) of Waterloo, Godfrey (Jean) of Haliburton and Viola Tyler (Murray Laing) of Mitchell. Loving grandmother to many grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear sister of Rebecca Dawson of Beaverton and Robert Walker (predeceased) of Orillia. Daughter of the late William and Ethel Walker. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Sunday from 2-5pm and on Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Haliburton United Church from 12:00 noon until time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

Memorial Donations to the Red Cross Society or to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

In memoriam

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of a dear Mother-in-law and Grandmother who passed away Jan 27, 1993.

*As you were, you'll always be.
Treasured forever in our memories.*
- Sadly missed, Clara & family.

OGDEN, Roy - In loving memory to a dear husband and father who passed away Feb 8, 2004.

*It broke my heart to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
For part of me went with you,
The day God called you home.*
- Lovingly remembered, never forgotten.
Love from Pat and family.

In memoriam

Porter, Bill - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away Feb. 9th, 2005.

*Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps you near.
In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you'll always hold a place
No one will ever fill.
There wasn't time for one last hug
There was no final kiss
God it's all those special things
That I so terribly miss.
Life isn't forever*

- Love Darlene.

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In memoriam



Trevor Bartley
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In the hearts of those he touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.*
From Gramma & Grampa Grozelle

Deaths

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Irene Scott
(Resident of Extendicare-Haliburton)

At Extendicare-Haliburton on Wednesday evening, January 30, 2008 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Oscar Scott. Loving mother of Oscar Scott of North Carolina and Elaine (Mrs. Barry Purpura) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Penny, Casey, Sandy, Rodney, Scott, Jason, Kim, Sharon, Heather, Terry, Gail & Wayne and her three great grandchildren. Dear sister of Phyllis, Mary, Phrona & Elva. Predeceased by her daughter Shirley and her brothers Lorne, Mike and sisters Beryl, Winnie, & Marj. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service
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